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CUSTOMER NUMBER 27792

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Pardo et al. Attorney Docket No. MICR0250  
Serial No.: 09/997,616 Group Art Unit: 3623  
Filed: November 29, 2001 Examiner: Choi, Peter H.  
Title: AUTOMATED JOB SCHEDULING BASED ON RESOURCE  
AVAILABILITY

ELECTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Bellevue, Washington 98004

March 29, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Election Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an election in the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.  
☐ 2. The claim fee has been calculated, as shown below.  
☐ 3. Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the fee(s) shown below.

B. Request for Constructive Petition for Extension of Time

It is requested that any concurrent or future reply submitted in the present application requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for timely submission be treated as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. It is also requested that any additional required fees under § 1.17, including all required extension of time fees, be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1940, thereby constructively petitioning for any necessary extension of time to maintain the present application in a pending state.

<u>Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended</u>					
	<u>Claims Remaining after Amendment</u>	<u>Highest Number Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Additional Fee</u>
Total Claims	47	47	-0-	x \$50	\$ -0-
Independent Claims	3	3	-0-	x \$200	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ <u>0</u>

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1940.

A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

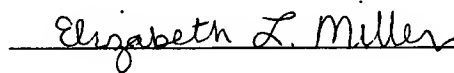


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ELECTION AND TRAVERSE IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

The following is in response to a Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed March 01, 2006, in which the Examiner indicated that the above-identified patent application is subject to a restriction. The Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to two groups of patentably distinct inventions. He notes that Claims 1-13, drawn to Invention I, are related to a method for scheduling appointments to do a job, classified in *Class 705, subclass 8*, while Claims 14-47 are directed to Invention II and are drawn to a method and system for scheduling a plurality of jobs, and also are classified in *Class 705, subclass 8*.

Applicants traverse the restriction for the reasons set forth in the Remarks that follow, but **hereby affirmatively elect Invention I, as defined in Claims 1-13**. This election is made subject to applicants' right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims during the pendency of the present application. A listing of the claims is set forth below, for the convenience of the Examiner.